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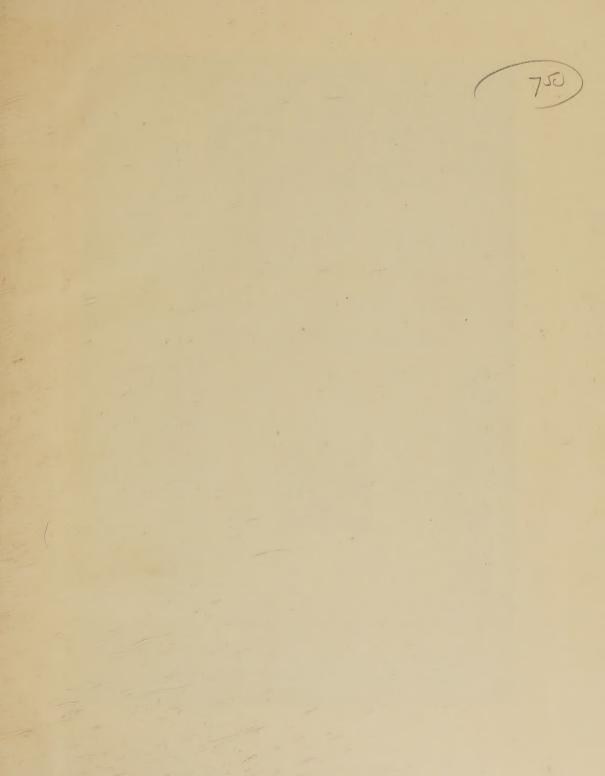
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### THE

### HONORABLE HISTORII

of frier Bacon, and frier Bongay.

As it was plaid by her Maiesties servants.

Made by Robert Greene Maister of Arts.







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### THE HONOVRABLE

Historie of Frier Bacon.

Enter, Edward the first malcontented with Lacy earle of Lincolne, Iohn Warren earle of Sussex, and Ermsbie gentleman: Raph Simnell the kings foole.

#### Lacie.

HY lookes my lord like to atroubled skie, When heavens bright shine, is shadowed with a fogge: Alate we ran the deere and through the Lawndes Stript with our nagges the loftiefrolicke bucks, That scudded fore the teifers like the wind, Nere was the Deere of merry Fresingfield, So lustily puld down by iolly mates, Norsharde the Farmers such fat venison, So franckly dealt this hundred yeares before: Nor haue I feene my lord more frolicke in the chace, And now changde to a melancholie dumpe. Warren. After the Prince got to the keepers lodge And had been iocand in the house a while: Tossing of ale and milke in countrie cannes, Whether it was the countries sweete content: Or els the bonny damsell fild vs drinke That feemd so stately in her stammell red: Or that a qualme did crosse his stomacke then, But straight he fell into his passions.

Eimsbie. Sirra Raphe, what say you to your maister,
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Shall

Shall he thus all amort live male content.

Raphe. Heerest thou Ned, nay looke if hee will speake to me.

Edward. What sayst thouto me soole?

Raphe. I pree thee tell me Ned, art thou in loue with the keepers daughter?

E ward. HowifIbe, what then?

Raphe. Why then fisha Ile teach thee how to deceive love.

Edward. How Raphe.

Raphe. Marrie sirha Ned, thou shalt puton my cap, and my coat, and my dagger, and I will put on thy clothes, and thy sword, and so thou shalt be my foole.

Edward. And what of this?

Raphe. Why so thou shalt beguile Loue, for Loue is such a proud scab, that he will neuer meddle with sooles nor children, Is not Raphes counsell good Ned.

Edward. Telline Ned Lacie, didst thoumarke the may d,

How lively in her country weedes she look:

A bonier wench all Suffolke cannot yeeld,

All Suffolke, nay all England holds none such.

Raphe. Sirha, Will Ermsby, Nedis deceived.

Ermsbie. Why Raphe?

Raphe. He saies all England hath no such, and I say, and Ile stand to it, there is one better in Warwickshire.

PVarren. Howproouest thou that Raphe ?

Raphe. Why is not the Abbot a learned man, and hath red many bookes, and thinkest thou he hath not more learning than thou to choose a bonny wench, yes I warrant thee by his whole grammer.

Ermiby. A good reason Raphe.

Doe lighten forth sweet Loues alluring fire:
And in her tresses she doth fold the lookes.
Offuch as gaze vpon her golden haire,
Her bashshill white mixt with the mornings red,
Luna doth boast vpon her louely cheekes,

Her front is beauties table where she paints,
The glories of her gorgious excellence:
Herteeth are shelues of pretious Margarites,
Richly enclosed with ruddie curroll cleues,
Tush Lacie, she is beauties ouermatch,
If thou suruaist her curious imagerie.

Lacie. I grant my lord the damfell is as faire, As simple Suffolks homely towns can yeeld: But in the court be quainter dames than she, Whose faces are enricht with honours taint, Whose bewties stand upon the stage of same, And vaunt their trophies in the courts of loue.

Ed. Ah Ned, but hadst thou watcht her asmy self,

And seene the secret bewties of the maid, Their courtly coinesse were but soolery.

Edward. When as the swept like Venus through the house,

And in her shape fast foulded vp my thoughtes:
Into the Milkhouse went I with the maid,
And there amongst the cream-boles she did shine,
As Pallace, mongst her Princely huswiferie:
She turnd her sinocke ouer her Lilly armes,
And dived them into milke to run her cheese:
But whiter than the milke her christall skin,
Checked with lines of Azur made her blush,
That art or nature durst bring for compare,
Ermsbie if thou hadst seene as I did note it well,
How bewrie plaid the huswife, how this girle
Like Lucrece laid her singers to the worke,
Thou wouldest with Tarquine hazard Roome and all
To win the lovely mayd of Fresingsield.

Raphe. Sirha Ned, wouldst faine haue her?

Edward. I Raphe.

Raphe. Why Ned I have laid the plot in my head thou shalt have her alreadie.

Edward. He give thee a new coat and learne methat.

Raphe.

Raphe. Why firra Ned weel ride to Oxford to Frier Bacon, oh he is a braue scholler sirra; they say he is a braue Nigromancer, that he can make women of deuils, and hee can juggle cats into Costermongers.

Edward. And how then Raphe?

Raphe. Marry sirhathou shalt go to him, and because thy father Barry shall not misse thee, hee shall turne me into thee; and Ile to the Court, and Ile prince it out, and he shall make thee either a silken purse, sull of gold, or else a fine wrought smocke.

Edward. But how shall I have the may d?

Raphe. Marry firha, if thou beeft a filken purse full of gold, then onfundaies sheele hang thee by her fide, and you must not fay a word, Now fir when she comes into a great prease of people, for feare of the cut-purse on a sodaine sheele swap thee into her plackerd, then sirha being there you may plead for your selfe.

Ermsbie. Excellent pollicie.

Edward. But how if I be a wrought smocke.

Raphe. Then sheele put thee into her chest and lay thee into Lauender, and vpon some good day sheele put thee on, and at night when you go to bed, then being turnd from a smocke to a man, you may make up the match.

- Lucie. Wonderfully wifely counselled Raphe.

Edward. Raphe shall have a new coarest on inter the to

Raphe. God thanke you when I have it on my backe Ned, Edward, Lacie the foole hathlaid a perfect plot.

For why our countrie Margier is so coy, district the same and thandes so much vpoir her honest pointes, but not that marriage or no market with the may declared a single strength in the may declared a single so are that must be nigromaticke spels, and that the so fart that must be nigromaticke spels, and the solution of the solution

Warren. Content my lord, and thats a speedy way.
To weane these head-strong puppies from the teas.

Edward, I am vnknowne, not taken for the Prince, They onely deeme vs frolicke Courtiers, That reuell thus among our lieges game: Therefore I have deuised a pollicie, Lacie, thou know it next friday is S. I ames, And then the country flockes to Harlston faire, Then will the keepers daughter frolicke there, And ouer-shine the troupe of all the maids, That come to see, and to be seene that day. Haunt thee disguisd among the countrie swaines, Fainthart a farmers fonne, not far from thence, Espie her loues, and who she like th best: Coat him, and court her to controll the clowne, Say that the Courtier tyred all in greene, That helpt her handsomly to run her cheese, And fild her fathers lodge with venifon, Commends him, and sends fairings to herselfe, Buy some thing worthie of her parentage, Not worth her beautie for Lacie then the faire, Affoords no Iewell fitting for the mayd: And when thou talkest of me, note if she blush, Oh then she lours, but if her cheekes waxe pale, Disdaine it is. Lacie send how she fares, And spare no time nor cost to win her loues. . Lacie. I will my lord fo execute this charge,

As if that Lacie were in loue with her.

Eduard. Send letters speedily to Oxford of the newes. Raphe. And firha Lacie, buy me a thousand thousand million of fine bels, the training the state of

Lacre. What wile thou do with them Raphe?

Raphe. Mary enery time that Ned fighs for the keepers daughter, He tie a bell about him, and so within three or soure daies I will fend word to his father Harry, that his forme and my mailter Ned is become Loues morrisdance.

Edward. Well Lacie, looke with care vnto thy charge,

And I will hast to Oxford to the Frier

Thas

The honourable historie of Frier Bacon.

That he by art, and thou by secret gifts,

Maist make me lord of merrie Fresing field.

Lacie. God send your honour your harts desire. Exeune.

Enter frier Bacon, with Miles his poore scholer with bookes wnder his arme, with them Burden, Mason, Clement, three doctors.

Bacon. Miles where are you?

Miles. His sum dostissime & reverendissime dostor.

Bacon. Attulistinos libros meos de Necromantia.

Miles. Ecce quam bonum & quam iocundum, habitares libros invnum.

Bacon. Now maisters of our Academicke state,
That rule in Oxford Vizroies in your place,
Whose heads containe Maps of the liberall arts,
Spending your time in deapth of learned skill,
Why stocke you thus to Bacons secret Cell,
A Frier newly stalde in Brazennose,
Say what syour mind, that I may make replie.

Burden. Bacon we hear, that long we have suspect, That thou art read in Magicks mysterie, In Piromancie to divine by flames, To tell by Hadromaticke, ebbes and tides, By Aeromancie, to discover doubts, To plaine out questions, as Apollo did.

Bacon. Well maister Burden, what of all this?

Miles. Marie fir he doth but fulfill by rehearing of thefe names the Fable of the Fox and the grapes, that which is aboue vs, pertains nothing to vs.

Burden. I tell thee Bacon, Oxford makes report, Nay England, and the court of Henrie faies, Thart making of a brazen head by art, Which shall vnfold strange doubts and Aphorismes, And read a lecture in Philosophie,

And

And by the helpe of Diuels and ghastly siends, Thou meanst ere many yeares or daies be past, To compasse England with a wall of brasse.

Bacon. And what of this?

Miles. What of this maister, why he doth speak mystically, for he knowes if your skill faile to make a brazen head, yet mother waters strong ale will fit his turne tomake him haue a cop-

pernole.

Clement. Bacon we come not greening at thy skill, But ioieng that our Academic yeelds
A man supposed the woonder of the world,
For if thy cunning worke these myracles,
England and Europe shall admire thy fame,
And Oxford shall in characters of brasse,
And statues, such as were built vp in Rome,
Eternize Frier Bacon for his art.

Mason. Then gentle Frier, tell vs thy intent. Bacon. Seeing you come as friends vnto the frier Resolue you doctors, Bacon can by bookes, Make storming Boreas thunder from his caue, And dimme faire Luna to a darke Eclipse, The great arch-ruler, potentate of hell, Trembles, when Bacon bids him, or his frends, Bow to the force of his Pentageron. What art canworke, the frolicke frier knowes, And therefore will I turne my Magicke bookes, And straineout Nigromancie to the deepe, I have contrived and framde a head of brasse, (I made Belcephon hammer out the stuffe) And that by art shall read Philosophie, And I will itrengthen Englandby my skill, That iften Cæsars livd and raignd in Rome, With all the legions Europe doth containe, They should not touch a grasse of English ground, The worke that Ninus reard at Babylon, The brazen walles framde by Semiramis,

Carned

Carued out like to the portall of the funne, Shall not be fuch as rings the English strond: From Douer to the market place of Rie.

Burden. Is this possible?

Miles. He bring ye to or three witnesses.

Burden. What be those?

Miles. Marry firthree or foure as honest divels, and good

companions as any be in hell.

Mason. No doubt but magicke may doe much in this, For he that reades but Mathematicke rules, Shall finde conclusions that availe to worke,

Wonders that passe the common sense of men.

And tels of more than magicke can performe:
Thinking to get a fame by fooleries,
Haue I not palt asfarre inflate of schooles:
And red of many secrets, yet to thinke,
That heads of Brasse can veter any voice,

Or more, to tell of deepe philosophie, This is a fable Esophad forgot.

Bacon. Burden, thou wrongst me in detracting thus, Bacon loues not to stuffe himselfe with lies: But tell me fore these Doctors if thou dare, Of certaine questions I shall move to thee.

Eurden. I will aske what thou can.

Miles. Marrie fir heele straight be on your pickpacke to knowe whether the feminine or the masculin gender be most worthie.

Bacon. Were you not yesterday maister Burden at Henly vpon the Thembs?

Burden, I was, what then?

Bacon. What booke studied you there on all night?

Burden, I, none at all I red not there a line.
Bacon. Then doctors, Frier Bacons art knowes nought.

Clement. What say you to this maister Burden doth hee not touch you?

Burden

Burden. I passe not of his friuolous speeches.

Miles. Nay maister Burden, my maister ere hee hath done with you, will turne you from a doctor to a dunce, and shake you so small, that he will leave no more learning in you than is in Balaams Asse.

Bacon, Maisters, for that learned Burdens skill is deepe,
And sore he doubts of Bacons Cabalisme;
Ile shew you why he haunts to Henly oft,
Not doctors for to tast the fragrant aire:
But there to spend the night in Alcumie,
To multiplie with secret spels of art.
Thus privat steales he learning from vs all,
To prooue mysayings true, He shew you straight,
The booke he keepes at Henly for himselfe.

Miles. Nay now my maister goes to conjuration, take heede.

Bacon. Maisters stand still, feare not, Ileshewe you but his booke.

Heere he consures.

Per omnes des infernales Belcephon.

# Enter a woman with a shoulder of mutton on a spit, and a Deuill.

Miles. Oh maister cease your conjuration, or you spoile all, for heeres a shee divell come with a shoulder of mutton on a spit, you have mard the divels supper, but no doubt hee thinkes our Colledge fare is slender, and so hath sent you his cooke with a shoulder of mutton to make it exceed.

Hostesse. Oh where am I, or whats become of me.

Bacon, What art thou?

Hoftesse. Hostesse at Henly mistresse of the Bell.

Bacon. How camest thou heere.

Hostesse. As I was in the kitchenmongst the may des, Spitting the meate against supper for my guesse: A motion mooued me to looke forth of dore.

No

No sooner had I pried into the yard,
But straight a whirlewind hoisted me from thence,
And mounted me aloft vnto the cloudes:
As in a trance I thought nor feared nought,
Norknow I where or whether I was tane:
Nor where I am, nor what these persons be.

Bacon. No, know you not mailter Burden.

Heftesse. Oh yes good fir, he is my daily guest,
What maister Burden, twas but yesternight,
That you and I at Henly plaid at cardes.

Burden, I knowe not what we did, a poxe of all conjuring

Friers.

Clement. Now iolly Frier tell vs, is this the booke that Burdenis so carefull to looke on?

Bacon. It is, but Burden tell menow,
Thinkest thou that Bacons Nicromanticke skill,
Cannot performe his head and wall of Brasse,
When he can fetch thine hostesse in such post,

Miles. Ile warrant you maister, if maister Burden could coniure as well as you, hee would have his booke euerie night from

Henly to study on at Oxford.

Mason. Burden what are you mated by this frolicke Frier, Looke how he droops, his guiltie conscience Drives him to bash and makes his hostesse blush.

Bacon. Well mistres for I wil not haue you mist,
You shall to Henly to cheere vp your guests
Fore supper ginne, Burden bid her adew,
Say farewell to your hostesse fore she goes,
Sirha away, and set her safe at home.

Hostoffe. Maister Burden, when shall we see you at Henly.

Exeunt Hostoffe and the Denill.

Burden. The deuill take thee and Henly too.
Miles. Maister shall I make a good motion.
Bacon. Whats that?
Miles. Marry sir nowe that my hostesse is gone to prouide

supper,

supper, coniure vp an other spirite, and send doctor Burden fly-

ing after.

Bacon. Thus rulers of our Accademickestate, You have seene the Frier frame his art by proofe: And as the colledge called Brazennose, Is under him and he the maisser there: So surely shall this head of brasse beframde, And yeeld forth strange and uncoth Aphorismes: And Hell and Heccare shall faile the Frier, But I will circle England round with brasse.

Miles. So beit, In nune of semper, Amen.

Exeunt omnes.

Enter Margaret the faire may dof Fresingsield, with Thomas and sone, and other clownes: Lacie disguised in countrie apparell.

Thomas. By my troth Margret heeres a wether is able to make a man call his father whorson, if this wether hold wee shall have hay good cheape, and butter and cheese at Harlston will

beare no price.

Margret. Thomas, maides when they come to see the faire,
Count not to make a cope for dearth of hay,
When we have turnd our butter to the salt,
And set our cheese safely vpontherackes.
Then let our fathers prise it as they please,
We countrie sluts of merry Fresing field,
Come to buy needlesse noughts romake vs sine,
And looke that yong-men should be francke this day,
And court vs with such fairings as they can.
Phabus is bly the and stolicke lockes from heaven,
As when he courted lovely Semele:
Swearing the pediers shall have emptie packs,
If that saire wether may make chapmen buy.

Lacie. But lovely Peggie Semele is dead,
And therefore Phabus from his pallace pries,

And

And seeing such a sweet and seemly saint, Shewes all his glories for to court your selfe.

Margret. This is a fairing gentle fir indeed, To footh me vp with fuch fmooth flatterie, But learne of me your coffes to broad before: Well Ione our bewties must abide their iestes, We serue the turne iniolly Fresing field.

Ione. Margret, a farmers daughter for a farmers forme, I warrant you the meanest of vs both,
Shall haue a mate to leade vs from the Church:
But Thomas whats the newes? what in a dumpe.
Giue meyour hand, we are neere a pedlers shop,
Out with your purse we must haue fairings now.

Themas. Faith Ione and shall, Ile bestow a fairing on you, and then we will to the Tauern, and snap off a pint of wine or two.

### All this while Lacie whifpers Margret in the eare.

Margret. Whence are you sir, of Suffolke, for your tearmes are finer than the common fort of men?

Your neighbour not about fix miles from hence,
A farmers fonne that never was so quaint,
But that he could do courtesse to such dames:
But trust me Margret I amsent in charge,
From him that reueld in your fathers house,
And fild his Lodge with theere and venison,
Tyredin greene, he sent you this rich purse;
His token, that he helpty ou run your cheese,
And in the milkhouse charted with your selse.

Margret. Tome, you forget your felfe.

Lacie. Women are often weake in memorie.

Margret. Oh pardonfir, I call to mind the man,
Twere little manners to refule his gift,
Andyet I hope he fends it not for love:
For we have little leifure to debate of that.

Ione. What Margret blush not, may ds must have their loues.

Thomas. Nay by the masse she lookes pale as if she were

angrie:

man Cob, my father bought a horse of him, Iletell you Marget, a were good to be a gentlemans iade, for of all things the soulc

hilding could not abide a doong cart.

Margret. How different is this farmer from the rest. That earst as yet hathpleasd my wandring sight, His words are wittie, quickened with a finile, His courtesie gentle, smelling of the court, Facill and debonaire in all his deeds, Proportiond as was Paris, when in gray, He courted Aenon in the vale by Troy. Great lords have come and pleaded for my loue, Who but the keepers laste of Fresingfield, And yet me thinks this Farmersiolly sonne, Passeth the prowdest that hath pleased mine eye. But Peg disclose not that thou art in love, And shew as yet no signe of loue to him, Although thou well wouldst wish him for thy loue Keepe that to thee till time doth serue thy turne, To shew the greefe wherein thy heart doth burne. Come Ione and Thomas, shall we to the faire, You Beekls man will not forfake vs now,

Margret. Well if you chaunce to come by Fresingfield, Make but a step into the keepers lodge, And such poore fare as Woodmen can affoord, Butter and cheese, creame, and fat venison, You shall have store, and welcome the rewithall.

Lacie. Gramarcies Peggie, looke for me eare long.

Enter Henry the third, the emperour, the king of Cassile, Elinor his daughter, Inques V and crmaje a Germaine.

Henrie. Great men of Europe, monarks of the West, Ringd with the wals of old oceanus, Whose loftie surges like the battelments, That compast high built Babell in with towers, Welcome my lords, welcome braue westerne kings, To Englands fhore, whose promontorie cleeues, Shewes Albion is another little world, Welcome fayes English Henrie to you all, Chiefly vnto the louely Eleanour, Who darde for Edwards fake cut through the feas, And venture as Agenors damfell through the deepe, To get the love of Henries wanton some. Castile. Englands rich Monarch braue Plantagener, The Pyren mounts swelling about the clouds, That ward the welthie Castile in with walles, Could not detaine the beautious Eleanour, But hearing of the fame of Edwards youth, She darde to brooke Neptunus haughtie pride, And bide the brunt of froward Eolus, Then may faire England welcome her the more. Elinor. Afterthat English Henrie by his lords, Had sent prince Edwards louely counterfeit, A present to the Castile Elinor,

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A present to the Castile Elinor,
The comly pourtrait of so braue a man,
The vertuous same discoursed of his deeds,
Edwards couragious resolution,
Done at the holy land fore Damas walles,
Led both mine eye and thoughts in equall links,
To like so of the English Monarchs sonne,
That I attempted perrils for his sake.

Emperour. Where is the Prince, my lord?

Henrie. He posted down, not long fince from the court,

To Suffolke side, to merrie Fremingham,
To sport himselfe amongst my fallow deere,
From thence by packets sent to Hampton house,
We heare the Prince is ridden with his lords,
To Oxford, in the Academie there,
To heare dispute amongst the learned men,
But we will send foorth letters for my sonne,
To will him come from Oxford to the court.

Ride for to visite Oxford with our traine,
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Faine would I see your Vniuersities,
And what learned men your Academie yields,
From Haspurg haue I brought a learned clarke,
To hold dispute with English Orators.
This doctor surnamed I aques V andermast,
A Germaine borne, past into Padua,
To Florence, and to faire Bolonia,
To Paris, Rheims, and stately Orleans,
And talking there with men of art, put downe
The chiefest of them all in Aphorismes,
In Magicke, and the Mathematicke rules,
Now let vs Henrie trie him in your schooles.

Weele progresse straight to Oxford with our trains,
And see what menour Academie bringes.
And woonder Vandermast welcome to me
In Oxford shalt thou find a iollie frier and other
Cald Frier Bacon, Englands only flower
Set him but Non-plus in his magicke spels,
And make him yeeld in Mathematicke rules,
And sorthy glorie I will bind thy browes,
Not with a paets garland made of Baies,
But with a coronet of choicest gold, I amount to the we fit to Oxford with our troupes,
Lets in and banquet in our English courter.

Entr.

## Enter Raphe Simnell in Edwardes apparrell, Edward, Warren, Ermsby difguised.

Raphe. Where be these vacabond knaues that they attend no better on their maister?

Edward. If it please your honour we are all ready at an inch.

Riphe. Sirha Ned, Ile haue no more post horse to ride on,
Ile haue another fetch.

Ermsbie. I pray you how is that my Lord?

Raphe. Marrie sir, He send to the He of Eely for source or fine dozen of Geese, and He have them tides in and six together with whipcord, Now vpon their backes will I have a faire field bed, with a Canapie, and so when it is my pleasure. He flee into what place I please; this will be easie.

Warren. Your honour hath said well, but shall we to Brasen-

nose Colledge before we pull off our bootes.

Ermsbie. Warren well motioned, wee will to the Frier

Before we reuell it within the towne.

Raphe see you keepe your countenance like a Prince.

Raphe. Wherefore haue I such a companie of cutting knames to wait upon me, but to keep and defend my countenance against all mine enemies: haue you not good swords and bucklers.

#### Enter Bacon and Miles.

Ermsbie. Stay who comes heere.

Warren. Some scholler, and weele aske him where Frier Baconis.

Bacon. Why thou arrant dunce shall never make thee good scholler, doth not all the towne crie out, and say, Frier Bacons subsifer is the greatest blockhead in all Oxford, why thou canst not speake one word of true Latine.

Miles. No fir, yes what is this els; Ego sum tuus homo, I am your man, I warrant you fir as good Tullies phrase as any is in

Oxford.

Bacon. Come on sirha, what part of speech is Ego. Miles. Ego, that is I, marrie nomen substantino.

Bacon. How prooue you that?

Miles. Why fir let him produe himselfe and a will, I can be hard felt and understood.

Bacon. Oh groffe dunce.

. Herebeatehim.

Ed... Come let vs breake off this dispute between these two. Sirha, where is Brazennose Colle dge.

Miles. Norfar from Copper-smithes hall.

Edward. What doest thou mocke me.

Miles. Not I fir, but what would you at Brazennose? Ermsbie. Marrie we would speake with frier Bacon.

Miles. Whose menbeyou.

Ermsbie. Marne scholler heres our maister.

Raphe. Sirha I am the maister of these good fellowes, mayst

thou not know me to be a Lord by my reparrell.

Miles. Then heeres good game for the hawke, for heers the mailter foole, and a coure of Cockscombs, one wife man I thinke would spring you all.

Edward. Gogs wounds Warren kill him.

VVarren. Why Ned I thinke the deuill be in my sheath, I cannot get out my dagger.

Eimsbie. Nor I mine, Swones Ned I thinke I am bewitcht.

Miles. A companie of scabbes, the proudest of you all drawe your weapon if he can,

See how boldly I speake now my maister is by.

Edward. I strive in vaine, but if my sword be shut,

And conjured fast by magicke in my sheath,

Villaine heere is my fift.

Strikehim a box on the eare.

miles. Oh I befeech you conjure his hands too, that he may not lift his armes to his head, for he is light fingered.

Raphe. Ned strike him, He warrant thee by mine honour.

Bacon. What meanes the English prince to wrong my man, Edward. To whom speakest thou.

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Bacon. Tothec.

Edward, Who art thou.

Bacon. Could you not judge when all your swords grewfast,

That frier Bacon was not farre from hence:

Edward king Henries fonne and Prince of Wales,

Thy foole disguisd cannot conceale thy selfe,

I know both Ermsbie and the Suffex Earle,

Els Frier Bacon had but little skill.

Thou comest inpost from merrie Fresingfield,

Fast fancied to the keepersbonny lasse,

To craue some fuccour of the folly Frier,

And Lacie Eare of Lincolne hast thou left,

To treat faire Margretto allow thy loues:

But friends are men, and loue can baffle lords.

The Earle both woes and courtes her for himselfe.

WVarren. Ned this is strange, the frier knoweth al. Ermsbie. Appollo could not ytter more than this.

Edward. I stand amazed to heare this jolly Frien.

Tell euenthe verie secrets of my thoughts:

Burlearned Bacon fince thou knowest the cause,

Why I did post so fast from Fresing field.

Helpe Frier at a pinch, that I may have

The love of lovely Margret to my selfe,

And as I am true Prince of Wales, Ile give

Living and lands to firength thy colledge state

VVarren. Good Frier helpe the Prince in this.

Raphe. Why servant Ned, will not the friendoe it. Were not my sword glued to my scabberd by consuration, I would cut off his head and make him do it by force.

Miles. Infaith my lord, your manhood and your fword is all alike, they are so fast conjured that we shall never see them.

Ermsbie. Wat doctor in a dumpe, tust helpethe prince,

And thou shalt see how liberall he will proone, some and

Bacon. Craue not such actions, greater dumps than these.

I will my lord straine out my magicke spels,

For this day comes the earle to Eresing field,

And fore that night shuts in the day with darke,
These bettrothed ech to other fast:
But come with me, weele to my studie straight,
And in a glasse prospective I will shew
Whats done this day in merry Fresing field.

Edward. Gramercies Bacon, I will quite thy paine.

Bacon. But fend your traine my lord into the towne,

My scholler shall go bring them to their Inne:

Meane while weele see the knauerie of the earle.

Edward, Warren leaue me and Ermsbie, take the foole,

Let him be maister and go reuellit,

Till and Frier Racon calks a sphile.

Till I and Frier Bacon talke a while.

VVarren, We will my lord.

Raphe. Faith Ned and Ile lord it out till thou comest, Ile be Prince of Wales ouer all the blacke pots in Oxford.

Exeunt,

### Bacon and Edward goes into the fludy.

Bacon. Now frolick Edward, welcome to my Cell, Heere tempers Frier Bacon many toics:
And holds this place his confiftoric court,
Wherin the diuels pleads homage to his words,
Within this glaffe prospective thoushalt see
This day whats done in merry Fresing field,
Twixt louely Peggie and the Lincolne earle.

Edward. Frier thou gladst me, now shall Edward trie, How Lacie meaneth to his soueraigne lord.

Bacon. Stand there and looke directly in the glasse,

### Enter Margret and Frier Bungay.

Bacon. What sees my lord.

Edward. I see the keepers louely lasse appeare,
As bright-sunne as the parramour of Mars,

Onely

Onely attended by a iolly frier.

Bacon. Sit still and keepe the christall in your eye,

Margret. But tell me frier Bungay is it true, That this faire courtious countrie swaine,

Who faies his father is a farmer nie, Can be lord Lacie earle of Lincolnshire.

Bungay. Peggie tis true, tis Lacie for my life,
Or else mine art and cunning both doth faile:
Left by prince Edward to procure his loues,
For he in greene that holpe you runne your cheese,
Is sonne to Henry and the prince of Wales.

Margret. Bewhat he will his lure is but for luft. But did lord Lacie like poore Margret, Or would he daine to wed a countrie lasse, Frier, I would his humble handmayd be,

And for great wealth, quite him with courtefie.

Bungay. Why Margret does thou love him.

Margret. His porsonage like the pride of vaunting Troy,

Might well auouch to shadow Hellens cape: His witis quicke and readie in conceit, As Greece affoorded in her chiefest prime Courteous, ah Frier full of pleasing smiles, Trust me I loue too much to tell thee more, Suffice to me he is Englands parramour.

Bungay. Hath not ech eye that viewd thy pleafing face,

Surnamed thee faire maid of Frefingfield.

Margret. Yes Bungay, and would God the louely Earle

Had that in effe, that so many sought.

Bungay. Feare not, the Frier will not be behind,

To shew his cunning to enrangle loue.

Edward. I thinke the Frier courts the bonny wench,

Bacon, me thinkes he is a luftie churle.

Bacon. Now looke my lord.

Enter Lacie.

Edward. Gogs wounds Bacon heere comes Lacie.

Bacon.

Bacon. Sit still my lord and marke the commedie. Bungar. Heeres Lacie, Margret step aside awhile. Lacie. Duphne the damsell, that caught Phæbussast,

And lockt him in the brightnesse of her lookes,
Was not so beautious in Appollos eyes,
As is faire Margret to the Lincolne earle,
Recant thee Lacie thou art put in trust,
Edward thy soueraignes sonne hath chosen thee
A secret friend to court her for himselfe:
And darest thou wrong thy Prince with trecherie.
Lacie, loue makes no acception of a friend,
Nor deemes it of a Prince, but as a man:
Honour bids thee controll him in his lust,
His wooing is not for to wed the girle,
But to intrap her and beguile the lasse:
Lacie thou louest, then brooke not such abuse,
But wed her, and abide thy Princes frowne:

For better die, then see her liue disgracde.

Margret. Come Frier I will shake him from his dumpes,
How cheere you sir, a penie for your thought:

Your early vp, pray God it be the neere,

What come from Backles in a morne so soone.

Minose eyes brooke brokenssumbers for their sleepe, I tell thee Peggie since last Harlston faire, My minde hath felt a heape of passions.

Margret. A trustie man that court it for your friend, Woo you still for the courtier all in greene.

I maruell that he sues not for himselfe.

Lacie. Peggie, I pleaded first to get your grace for him, But when mine cies survaid your beautious lookes Louelike a wagge, straight dired into my heart, And there did shrine the Idea of your selfe: Pittie me though I be a farmers sonne, And measure not my riches but my loue.

Margret. You are verie hastie for to garden well,

Scedes

Seeds must have time to sprout before they spring, Loue ought to creepe as doth the dials shade, For timely ripe is rotten too too soone.

Bungay. Deus hic, roome for a merry Frier, What youth of Beckles, with the keepers laste, Tis well, but tell me heere you any newes.

Margret. No, Frier what newes.

Bungay. Heere you not how the purseuants do post, With proclamations through ech country towne:

Lacie. For what gentle frier tell the newes.

Bungay. Dwelft thou in Beckles & heerst not of these news,
Latie the Earle of Lincolne is late fled
From Windsor court disguised like a swaine,
And lurkes about the countrie heere vnknowne.
Henrie suspects him of some trecherie,
And therefore doth proclaime in euery way,
That who can take the Lincolne earle, shall have

Paid in the Exchequer twentie thousand crownes.

Lacie. The earle of Lincoln, Frier thou art mad,

It was some other, thou mistakest the man:

It was some other, thou miltakest the man The earle of Lincolne, why it cannot be.

Margret. Yes verie well my lord, for you are he, The keepers daughter tooke you prisoner, Lord Lacie yeeld, lle beyour gailor once.

Edward. Howfamiliar they be Bacon.

Bacon. Sit still and marke the sequell of their loues.

Lacie. Then am I double prisoner to thy selfe, Peggie, I yeeld, but are these newes iniest,

Margret. Iniest with you, but earnest vnto me:
For why, these wrongs do wring me at the heart,
Ah how these earles and noble men of birth,
Flatter and faine to forge poore womens ill.

Lacie. Beleeue me lasse, I am the Lincolne earle, I not denie, but tyred thus in rags
I liued disguisd to winne faire Peggies loue.

Margret. What loue is there where wedding ends not loue

Lacie.

Lacie. I meant faire girle to make thee Lacies wife.

Margree. I litle thinke that earles wil floop so low,
Lacie. Say, shall I make thee countesse ere I sleep.

Marg. Handmaid vnto the earle soplease himselfe

A wife in name, but servant in obedience.

Lacie. The Lincolne courtesse, for it shalbe so,

Ile plight the bands and seale it with a kisse.

Edward. Gogs wounds Bacon they kiffe, He stab them, Bacon. Oh hold your handes my lord it is the glasse. Edward. Collecto see the traitors gree so well,

Mademethinke the shadowes substances.

Bacon. Twere along poinard my lord, to reach betweene

Oxford and Frefingfield, but fit still and fee more

Bungay. Well lord of Lincolne, if your loues be knit, And that your tongues and thoughts do both agree: To avoid infuing larres, He hamper vp the match, He take my portace forth, and wed you heere, Then go to bed and seale vp your defires.

Lacie. Frier content, Peggie howlike you this?

Margret What likes my lord is pleafing vnto me.

Bungar. Then hand-fast hand, and I wil to my booke,

Bacon. What sees my lord now.

Edward. Bacon, I see the lovers hand in hand,

The Frier readie with his portace there,
To wed them both, then am I quite vindone,
Bacon helpe now, if ere thy magicke ferude,
Helpe Bacon, stop the marriage now,
If divide ornigromansie may suffice,
And I will give thee fortie thousand crownes.

Bacon. Feare not my lord, He stop the iolly Frier,

For mumbling vp his orifons this day.

Lacie. VV hy speakstnot Bungay, Frier to thy booke.

Bungay is mute, crying Hud hud.

Margret. How lookest thou frier, as a man distaught,

Refe .

Reft of thy sences Bungay, shew by signes
If thou be dum what passions holdeth thee.

Lacie. Hees dumbe indeed: Bacon hath with his diuels Inchanted him, or else some strange disease,

Or Appoplexie hath possess his lungs:

But Peggie what he cannot with his booke Weele twixt vs both vnite it vp in heart.

Margret, Els let me die my lord a miscreant. Edward. Why stands frier Barre so amazd.

Bacon. I have strook him dum my lord, & if your honor please

Ile fetch this Bungay straightway from Fresingfield, And he shall dine with vs in Oxford here.

Edward. Bacon, doe that and thou contentest me, Lacie. Of courteste Margret let vs lead the frier

Vnto thy fathers lodge, to comfort him

With brothes to bring him from this haplesse trance.

Margret. Or elsmy lord, we were passing vnkinde To leaue the frier so in his distresse.

Enter a deuill, and carrie Bungay on his backe.

Margret. O helpe my lord, a deuill, a deuill my lord, Looke how he carries Bungay on his backe: Lets hence for Bacons spirits be abroad.

Exeunt.

Edward. Bacon I laugh to see the jolly Frier
Mounted vpon the diuell, and how the earle
Flees with his bonny lassefor feare,
Assoone as Bungay is at Brazennose,
And I have chatted with the merrie frier,
I will in post hie me to Fresing field,
And quite these wrongs on Lacie ere it be long,
Bacon. So be it my lord, but let vs to our dinner:
For ere we have taken our repast awhile,

# The honourable historie of Frier Bacon. We shall have Bungay brought to Brazennose. Exeunt.

Enter three doctors, Burden, Mason, Clement.

Majon. Now that we are gathered in the regent house, It fits vs talke about the kings repaire, For he troopt with all the westerne kings. That lie alongst the Dansick seas by East, North by the clime of frostie Germanie, The Almain Monarke, and the Scocon duke, Castile, and louely Ellinor with him, Haue in their iests resolued for Oxford towne.

Strange comick showes, such as proud Rossius

Vaunted before the Romane Emperours.

Clement. To welcome all the westerne Potentares
But more the king by letters hath foretold,
That Fredericke the Almaine Emperour
Hath brought with him a Germane of esteeme,
Whose surname is Don Iaquesse Vandermast,
Skilfull in magicke and those secretaris.

Majon. Then must we all make sure vnto the frier, To Frier Bacon that he vouch this taske, And vndertake to counteruaile in skill The German, els theres none in Oxford can, Match and dispute with learned Vandermast.

Burden. Bacon, if he will hold the German play, Weele teach him what an English Frier can doe:
The diuell I thinke dare not dispute with him.

Clement. Indeed mas doctor he pleasured you, In that he brought your hostesse with her spir, From Henly posting wito Brazennose.

Burden. A vengeance on the Frier for his paines, But leaving that, lets hie to Baconstraight,

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To see if he will take this taske in hand.

Clement. Stay what rumor is this, the towne is vp in a mutinie, what hurly burlie is this?

Enter a Constable, with Raphe, Warren, Ermsbie and Miles.

Constable. Nay maisters if you were nere so good, you shall before the doctors to aunswer your misdemeanour.

Burden. Whats the matter fellow?

Constable. Marie sir, heres a companie of russers that drinking in the Tauerne haue made a great braule, and almost kilde the vintuer.

Miles. Salue doctor Burden, this lubberly lurden, Ill Mapte and ill faced, disdaind and disgraced, What he tels vnto vobis, mentitur de nobis.

Burden. Who is the maister and cheefe of this crew?

Miles. Ecce asinum mundi, sugura rotundi, Neatstreat and fine, as briske as a cup of wine.

Burden. Whatareyou?

Raphe. I am father doctor as a man would fay, the Belwether of this copany, these are my lords, and I the prince of VV ales.

Clement: Are you Edward the kings fonne?

Raphe. Sirra Miles, bring hither the tapfter that drue the wine, and I warrant when they fee how foundly I have broke his head, theile fay twas done by no lesse man than a prince.

Masor. I cannot beleeve that this is the prince of Wales.

Warren. And why fo fir?

Mason. For they say the prince is a braue & a wise gentleman.

VVar. VVhy and thinkest thou doctor that he is not so:

Darst thou detract and derogat from him, Being so louely and so braue a youth.

Ermsbir. VV hole face shining with many a sugred sinile,

Bewraies that he is bred of princety race.

Atiles. And yet maister doctor, to speake like a proctor, And tell vnto you, what is veriment and true, To cease of this quarrell, looke but on his apparrell,

Then

Then marke but my talis, he is great prince of Walis,

The cheefe of our gregis, and filius regis,

Then ware what is done, for he is Henries white some.

Raphe. Doctors whose doting nightcaps are not capable of my ingenious dignitie, know that I am Edward Plantagenet, whom if you displease, will make a shippe that shall hold all your colleges, and so carrie away the Niniuerstite with a sayre wind, to the Bankeside in Southwarke, how says thou Ned Warraine, shall I not do it?

V Varren. Yes my goodlord, and if it please your lordship, I wil gather vp al your old pantophles, and with the corke, make you a Pinnis of fiue hundred tunne, that shall serue the turne maruellous well, my lord.

Ermsbie. And I my lord will have Pioners to vindermine the towne, that the very Gardens and orchards be carried away for

your fummer walkes.

Miles. And I with scientia, and great diligentia,
Will coniure and charme, to keepe you from harme,
That verum horum mauss, your very great nauss,
Like Bartlets ship, from Oxford do skip,
With Colleges and schooles, full loaden with sooles,
Quid dices ad hoe, worshipfull domine Dasvocke.

Clement. Why harebraind courtiers, are you drunke or mad, To taunt vs vp with fuch scurilitie,

Deeme youvs men of base and light esteeme,

To bring vs such a sop for Henries sonne,

Call out the beadls and conuay them hence, Straight to Bocardo, let the roifters lie

Close clapt in bolts, vntill their wits be tame.

Raphe. What faist Miles, shall I honour the prison with my Miles. No no, out with your blades, and hamper these iades,

Haue a flurt and a crash, now play reuell dash, And teach these Sacerdos, that the Bocardos, Like pezzants and clues, are meet for themselues. Mason. To the prison with them constable,

Well

Warren. Well doctors seeing I have sported me, With laughing at these mad and merrie wagges, Know that prince Edward is at Brazennose, And this attired like the prince of Wales. Is Raphe, king Henries only loued soole, I, earle of Essex, and this Ermsbie One of the privile chamber to the king, Who while the prince with Frier Bacon staies, Hauereueld it in Oxford as you see.

Mason. My lord pardon vs, we knew not what you were, But courtiers may make greater skapes than these, Wilt please your honour dine with me to day?

WV arren. I will maister do ctor, and satisfie the vintner for his hurt, only I must desire you to imagine him all this forenoon the prince of Wales.

Mason. I will fir.

Raphe. And vponthat I will lead the way, onely I will have Miles go before me, because I have heard Henriesay, that wise-dome must go before Maiestie.

Exeunt omnes.

Enter prince Edward with his poinard in his hand, Lacie and Margret.

Nor couer as did Cassius all his wiles,
For Edward hath an eye that lookes as farre,
As Linexeus from the shores of Grecia,
Did not I sit in Oxford by the Frier,
And see thee court the may dof Fresing field,
Sealing thy flattering fancies with a kille,
Did not prowd Bungay draw his portasse foorth,
And joyning hand in hand had married you,
If Frier Bacon had not stroke him dumbe,
And mounted him yoon a spirits backe,
That we might chat at Oxford with the frier,
Traitor what answerst, is not all this true?

Truch

Lacie. Truth all my Lord and thus I make replie,
At Harlstone faire there courting for your grace,
When as mine eye furuaid her curious shape,
And drewe the beautious glory of her looks,
To diue into the center of my heart.
Loue taught me that your honour did but iest,
That princes were infancie but as men,
How that the louely maid of Fresing sield,
Was sitter to be Lacies wedded wise,
Than concubine vnto the prince of Wales.

Edward. Injurious Lacie did I loue thee more Than Alexander his Hepheftion,
Did I vnfould the passion of my loue,
And locke them in the closset of thy thoughts,
Wert thou to Edward second to himselfe,
Sole freind, and partner of his secreat loues,
And could a glaunce of fading bewtie breake,
Theinchained setters of such privat freindes,
Base coward, salse, and too esteminate,
To be coriuall with a prince in thoughts,
From Oxford have I posted since I dinde,

To quite a traitor fore that Edward fleepe.

Marg. Twas I my Lord, not Lacie stept awry,
For oft he sued and courted for yourselfe,
And still woode for the courtier all in greene,
But I whome fancy made but ouer fond,
Pleaded my selfe with looks as if I lovd,
I fed myne eye with gazing on his face,
And still bewicht lovd Lacie with my looks,
My hart with sighes, myne eyes pleaded with tears,
My face held pittie and content at once,
And more I could not sipher out by signes
But that I lovd Lord Lacie with my heart,
Then worthy Edward measure with thy minde,
If womens fauours will not force men fall,
If bewtie and if darts of persing loue,

Is not of force to bury thoughts of friendes.

Edward. I tell thee Peggie I will hauethy loues, Edward or none shall conquer Margret, In Frigats bottomd with rich Sethin planks, Topt with the loftie firs of Libanoa, Stemd and incast with burnisht Iuorie And overlaid with plates of Persian wealth, Like Thetis shalt thou wanton on the wayes And draw the Dolphins to thy louely eyes, To daunce lauoltas in the purple streames, Sirens with harpes and filuer pfalteries, Shall waight with musicke at thy frigots stem, And entertaine faire Margret with her laies, England and Englands wealth shall wait on thee, Brittaine shall bend vnto her princes loue,

If thou wilt be but Edwards Margret. Margret. Pardon my lord if Ioues great roialtie, Sent mesuch presents as to Danae, If Phoebus tied in Latonas webs, Come courting from the beautie of his lodge, The dulcet tunes of frolicke Mercurie, Not all the wealth heavens treasurie affoords. Should make me leave lord Lacie or his love.

And doe due homage to thine excellence,

Edw. I have learned at Oxford then this point of schooles,

Abbata causa, tollitur effectus,

Lacie the cause that Margret cannot loue, Nor fix her liking on the English Prince, Take him away, and then the effects will faile. Villaine prepare thy felfe for I will bathe My poinard in the bosome of an earle.

Lacie. Rather then live, and mille faire Margrets lone, Prince Edward Stop not at the fatall doome, But stabbit home, end both my loues and life.

Marg. Braue Prince of Wales, honoured for royall deeds. I were finne to staine fair Venus courts with blood.

Loues

Loues conquests ends my Lord in courtesse, Spare Lacie gentle Edward, let me die, Forso both you and he doe cease your loues.

Edward. Lacie shall die as traitor to his Lord. Lacie. I haue deserued it, Edward act it well.

Margret What hopes the Prince to gaine by Lacies death?

Edward. To end the loues twixt him and Margeret.

Marg. Why, thinks king Henries some that Margrets loue, Hangs in the vncertaine ballance of proud time,

That death shall make a discord of our thoughts, No, stab the earle, and fore the morning sun Shall yount him thrice, over the lostic east

Shall vaunt him thrice, ouer the loftie east, Margret will meet her Lacie in the heavens.

That wrongs or wrings her honour from content, Europes rich wealth nor Englands monarchie, Should not allure Lacie to ouerline,

Then Edward short my life and end her loues.

Margret. Rid me, and keepe a friend worth many loues. Lacie. Nay Edward keepe a loue worth many friends. Margret. And if thy mind be fuch as fame hath blazde,

Then princely Edward let vs both abide
The fatall resolution of thy rage,
Banish thou fancie, and imbrace reuenge,
And in one toombe knit both our carkases,

Whose hearts were linked in one perfect loue,

Edward. Edward Art thou that famous prince of Wales,

Who at Damasco beat the Sarasens,
And broughtst home triumphe on thy launces point,
And shall thy plumes be puld by Venus downe,
Is it princely to disseuer louers leagues,
To part such friends as glorie in their loues,
Leaue Ned, and make a vertue of this fault,
And surther Peg and Lagie in their loues,
So in subduing fancies passion,

Conquering thy selfe thou getst the richest spoile,

Lacie

Lacie rise vp, faire Peggie heeres my hand,
The prince of Wales hath conquered all his thoughts
And all his lones he yeelds vnto the earle,
Lacie enjoy the maid of Fresingfield,
Make her thy Lincolne countesse at the church,
And Ned as he is true Plantagenet,
Will giue her to thee franckly for thy wife.

Lacie. Humbly Itake her ofmy soueraigne, As if that Edward gaue me Englands right,

And richt me with the Albion diadem.

Wargret. And doth the English Prince mean true, Will he vouchsafe to cease his formet loues, And yeeld the title of a countrie maid, Vntolord Lacie.

Edward. I will faire Peggie as I amtrue lord.

Marg. Then lordly fir, whose conquest is as great,
In conquering loue as Cæsars victories,
Margret as milde and humble in her thoughts,
As was Aspatia vnto Cirus selfe,
Yeelds thanks, and next lord Lacie, doth inshrine
Edward the second secret in her heart.

Edw. Gramercie Peggie, now that vowes are palt, And that your loues are not be reuolt:
Once Lacie friendes againe, come we will post To Oxford, for this day the king is there, And brings for Edward Castile Ellinor.
Peggie I must go see and view my wise, I pray God I like her as I loued thee.
Beside, lord Lincolne we shall heare dispute, Twixt frier Bacon, and learned Vandermast, Peggie weele leaue you for a weeke or two.

Margret. As it please lord Lacie, but loues foolish looks, Thinke footsteps Miles, and minutes to be houres.

Lacie. He haften Peggie to make short resurne, But please your houour goe vnto the lodge, We shall have butter, cheese, and venison.

And .

And yesterday I brought for Margret, A lustic bottle of neat clarret wine,

Thus can we feast and entertaine your grace.

Edward, Tis cheere lord Lacie for an Emperour,

If he respect the person and the place: Come let vs in, for I will all this night, Ride post vntill I come to Bacons cell.

Exeunt.

Enter Henrie, Emperour, Castile, Ellinor, Vandermast, Bungay.

Emperour. Trustme Plantagenetthese Oxford schooles
Are richly seated necretheriuer side:
The mountaines full of fat and fallow deere,
The batling pastures laid with kine and slocks,
The towne gorgeous with high built colledges,
And schollers seemely in their graue attire.
Learned in searching principles of art,
What is thy judgement, Iaquis Vandermast.

Vandermast. That lordly are the buildings of the towne, Spatious the romes and full of pleasant walkes: But for the doctors how that they be learned, It may be meanly, for ought I can heere.

Bungar. I tell thee Germane, Haspurge holds none such, None red so deepe as Oxenford containes, There are within our accademicke state, Men that may lecture it in Germanie, To all the doctors of your Belgicke schools.

Henrie. Stand to him Bungay, charme this Vandermast, And I will vie thee as a royall king.

Vandermast. Wherein darest thou dispute with me. Bungay. In what a Doctor and a Frier can.

Vandermast. Before rich Europes worthies put thou forth The doubtfull question vnto Vandermast.

Bungay. Letit be this, whether the spirites of piromancie

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or Geomancie, be most predominant in magick.

Vander. I say of Piromancie.
Bungay. And I of Geomancie.

vander. The cabbalists that wright of magicke spels,

As Hermes, Melchie, and Pithagoras,
Assume that mongst the quadruplicatie
Of elementall essence, Terra is but thought,
To be a punctum squared to the rest:
And that the compasse of ascending eliments
Exceed in bignesse as they doe in height,
Indexing the concaue circle of the sonne,
To hold the rest in his circomference,
If then as Hermes saies the fire begreats,
Purest and onely given shapes to spirites:

Then must these Demones that haunt that place,

Be every way superiour to the rest.

Bungay. I reason not of elementall shapes,
Noting their essence nor their qualitie,
But of the spirites that Piromancie calles,
And of the vigour of the Geomanticke siends,
I tell thee Germane magicke haunts the grounds,
And those strange necromantick spels
That worke such shewes and wondering in the world,
Are acted by those Geomanticke spirites,
That Hermes calleth Terrassia.
The sierie spirits are but transparant shades,
That lightly passe as Heralts to be are newes,
But earthly siends closed in the lowest deepe,
Disseuer mountaines if they be but charged,
Being more grose and massie in their power.

Pander. Rather these earthly geomantike spirits, Are dull and like the place where they remaine: For when proud Lucipher fell from the heavens, The spirites and angels that did sin with him, Retaind their locall essence as their faults,

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All subject under Lunas continent, They which offended leffe hang in the fire, And second faults did rest within the aire, But Lucifer and his proud hearted fiends, Were throwne into the center of the earth, Having leffe understanding than the rest, As having greater sinne, and lesser grace. Therfore such groffe and earthly spirits doe serve, For Inglers, Witches, and vild forcerers, Whereas the Piromanticke gemij, Aremightie, swift, and of farre reaching power, But graunt that Geomancie hath most force, Bungay to please these mightie potentates, Prooue by some instance what thy art can doe.

Bungay. I will.

Emper. Now English Harry here begins the game, We shall see sport betweene these learned men. Vandermast. What wilt thou doe.

Bung. Shew thee the tree leaved with refined gold, Wheron the fearefull dragon held his feare, That watcht the garden cald Hesperides, Subdued and wonne by conquering Hercules. Vandermaft. Well done.

## Heere Bungay conjures and the tree appeares with the dragon shooting fire.

Herrie. What say you royall lordings to my frier, Hath he nordone a point of cunning skill. Vander. Ech scholler in the Nicromanticke spels, Can doe as much as Bungay hath performd, Bur as Alemenas basterd ras d this tree; So will I raise him vp as when he lived, And cause himpull the Dragon from his seate, And teare the branches peecemeale from the roote, Hercules Prodie, Prodi Hercules.

Hercules

# Hercules appeares in his Lions skin.

Hercules. Quisme vult.

Vande mass. Ioues bastard sonne thoulibian Hercules
Pulloss the springs from off the Hesperiantree,
As once thou didst to win the golden fruit.

Hercules. Fiat.

## Heere he begins to breake the branches.

Vander. Now Bungay if thou canst by magicke charme, The fiend appearing like great Hercules, From pulling downethe branches of the tree, Then art thou worthy to be counted learned.

Bungay. I cannot.

Mightie commander of this English Ile,
Mightie commander of this English Ile,
Henrie come from the stout Plantagenets,
Eungay is learned enough to be a Frier.
Butto compare with Iaquis Vandermast,
Oxford and Cambridge must go seeke their celles,
To find a manto match himin his art.
I have given non-plus to the Paduans,
To themos Sien, Florence, and Belogna,
Reimes, Louain and faire Rotherdam,
Franckford, Lutrech and Orleance:
And now must Henrie is he do me right,
Crowne me with lawrell as they all have done.

#### Enter Bacon.

Bacon. All haile to this roiall companie, That fit to heare and fee this strange dispute: Bungay, how stands thou as a manamazd, What hath the Germane a Red more than thou,

Pander.

vandermast. What art thou that questions thus.

Bacon. Men call me Bacon.

Vander. Lordly thou lookest, as if that thou wert learnd,

Thy countenance, as if science held her seate

Betweene the circled arches of thy browes.

Henrie. Now Monarcks hath the Germain found his match.

Emperour. Bestirre thee Iaquis take not now the foile,

Least thou doest loose what foretime thou didst gaine.

Fandermast. Bacon, wilt thou dispute!

Bacon. Noe, vilesse he were more learnd than Vandermast.

For yet tell me, what hast thou done?

Vandermast. Raisd Hercules to ruinate that tree,

That Bongay mounted by his magicke spels.

Bacon. Set Hercules to worke.

Va der. Now Hercules, I charge thee to thy taske,

Pull off the golden branches from the roote.

Hercules. I dare not, Seest thou not great Bacon heere,

Whose frowne dothact more than thy magicke can.

vandermast. By all the thrones and dominations,

Vertues, powers and mightie Herarchies,

I charge thee to obey to Vandermast.

Hercules. Bacon, that bridles headstrong Belcephon,

Andrules Asimenoth guider of the North:

Bindes me from yeelding vnto Vandermast.

Hen. How now Vandermast, haue you met with your match.

Vandermast. Never before wast knowne to Vandermast.

That men held deuils in such obedient awe,

Bacon doth more than art or els I faile.

Emperour. Why Vandermastart thou ouercome,

Bacon dispute with him, and trie his skill:

Bacon. I come not Monarckes for to hold dispute.

With such a nouice as is Vandermast,

I come to haue your royalties to dine

With Frier Bacon heere in Brazennose,

And for this Germane troubles but the place

And holds this audience with a long suspence,

Ile

Ile send him to his Accademie hence,
Thou Hercules whom V andermast did raise,
Transport the Germane vnto Haspurgestraight,
That he may learne by tranaile gainst the springs,
More secret doomes and Aphorismes of art,
Vanish the tree and thou away with him.

# Exit the spirit with Vandermass and the Tree.

Empereur. Why Bacon whether doest thou send him, Bacon. To Haspurge there your highnesse at returne, Shall finde the Germane in his studie safe.

Henrie. Bacon, thou hast honoured England with thy skill, And made faire Oxford famous by thine art, I will be English Henrie to thy selfe,

But tell me shall we dine with thee to day.

Bacon. With memy Lord, and while I six my cheere,
See where Prince Edward comes to welcome you:
Gratious as the morning starre of heaven,

Exit.

### Enter Edward, Lacie, Warren, Ermsbie.

Emperour. Is this Prince Edward Henries royall sonne, How martiall is the figure of his face, Yet louely and beset with Amorets.

Henrie. Ned, where hast thou been.
Edward. At Francing ham my Lord, to trie your buckes. If they could scape they teisers or the toile:
But hearing of these lordly Potentates
Landed, and prograft vp to Oxford towne,
I posted to gine entertaine to them,
Chiefe to the Almaine Monarke, next to him,
And joynt with him, Castile and Saxonie,
Are welcome as they may be to the English Court.
Thus for the men, but see V enus appeares,
Or one that ouermatcheth V enus in her shape,

Sweete

Sweete Ellinor, beauties high swelling pride, Rich natures gloric, and her wealth at once: Faire of all faires, welcome to Albion, Welcome to me, and welcome to thine owne, If that thou dainst the welcome from my selfe.

Ellinor. Martiall Planeagenet, Henries high minded sonne,

The markethat Ellinor did count her aime, I likte thee fore I faw thee, now I loue, And so as in so short a time I may: Yet so as time shall never breake that so,

And therefore so accept of Ellinor.

Caffile. Feare not my Lord, this couple will agree, If loue may creepe into their wanton eyes:
And therefore Edward I accept thee heere,
Without suspence, as my adopted sonne.

And glorie in these honors done to Ned,
Yeeld thankes for all these fauours to my sonne,

Andrest a true Plantagenet to all.

## Enter Miles with a cloth and trenchers and falt.

Miles. Saluete omnes reges, that gouern your Greges, in Saxonie and Spaine, in England and in Almaine: for all this frolicke rable must I couer the etable, with trenchers, salt and cloth, and then sooke for your broth.

Emperour. What pleasant fellow is this.

Henrie. Tis my lord, doctor Bacons poorescholles.

miles. My maister hath made mesewer of these great lords, and God knowes I am as serviceable at a table, as a sow is under an appletree: tis no matter, their cheere shall not be great, and therefore what skils where the salt stand before or behinde.

Castile. Theseschollers knowes more skill in actiomes, How to vie quips and sleights of Sophistrie,

Than for to couer courtly for a king.

# Enter Mi'es with a messe of pottage and broth, and after him Eacon.

mile. Spill fir, why doe you thinke I neuer carried twopeny chop before in my life: by your leaue, Nobile decus, for here comes doctor Bacons pecus, being in his full age, to carriea

messe ofpottage.

Bacon. Lordings admire not if your cheere be this, For we must keepe our Accademicke fare, No riot where Philosophie doth raine, And therefore Henrie place these Potentates, And bid them fall vnto their frugall cates.

Emp. Prefumptuous Frier, what scoffst thou at a king, What doest thou taunt vs with thy pesants fare, And give vs cates fit for countrey swaines, Henrie proceeds this iest of thy consent, To twit vs with such a pittance of such price, Tell me, and Fredericke will not greeve the long.

Henrie. By Henries honour and the royall faith The Englishmonarcke beareth to his friend:

I knew not of the friers feeble fare,

Nor am I pleased he entertaines you thus.

Bacon. Content thee Fredericke for I shewd the cates
To let thee see how schollers wie to feede:
How little meate refines our English wits,
Miles take away, and let it be thy dinner.

Miles. Marry fir I wil, this day shal be a festival day with me,
For Ishall exceed in the highest degree.

Exit Miles.

Bacon. I tell thee Monarch, all the Germane Peeres Could not affoord thy entertainment such, So roiall and so full of Maiestie, As Baconwill present to Fredericke, The Basest waiter that attends thy cups, Shall be in honours greater than thy selfe:

And

And for thy cates rich Alexandria drugges, Fetcht by Carueils from Aegypts richest straights: Found in the wealthy strond of Affrica, Shall royallize the table of my king, Wines richer than the Gyptian courtisan, Quafeto Augustus kingly countermatch, Shalbe carrowst in English Henries feasts: Candie shall yeeld the richest of her canes, Perfia downe her volga by Canows, Send down the secrets of her spicerie. The Africke Dates mirabiles of Spaine, Conferues, and Sucketsfrom Tiberias, Cates from Iudea choiser than the lampe That fiered Rome with sparkes of gluttonie, Shall bewrifte the board for Fredericke, And therfore grudge not at a friers feast.

# Enter two gentlemen, Lambert, and Serlby with the keeper.

Lambert. Come frolicke keeper of our lieges game, Whose table spred hath euer venison, And Iacks of wines to welcome passengers, Know I am in loue with iolly Margret, That ouer-shines our damsels as the moone, Darkneth the brightest sparkles of the night, In Lax field heere my land and living lies, Ile make thy daughter ioynter of it all, So thou consents give her to my wife, And I can spend sive hundreth markes a yeare.

Serlbie. I amthe lanslord keeper of thy holds,

By coppie all thy living lies inme.
Laxfield did neuer see me raise my due,
I will inseose faire Margret in all,
So she will take her to a lustie squire.

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Keeper. Now courteous gentls, if the Keepers girle, Hath pleased the liking fancie of you both, And with her beutie hath subdued your thoughts, Tis doubtfull to decide the question, It ioves me that such men of great esteeme, Should lay their liking on this base estate, And that her state should grow so fortunate, To be a wife to meaner men than you. But fith fuch squires will stoop to keepers fee, I will to avoid displeasure of you both, Call Margret forth, and she shall make her choise, Exit.

Lambert. Content Keeper send hervnto vs.

Why Serlsby is thy wife so lately dead, Are all thy loues so lightly passed ouer, As thou canst wed before the yeare be out,

Serlsby. I live not Lambert to content the dead, Nor was I wedded but for life to her, The graues ends and begins a maried state.

Enter Margret.

Lambert. Peggie the louelie flower of all townes, Suffolks faire Hellen, and rich Englands star, Whole beautietempered with her huswifrie, Maks England talke of merry Frifingfield. Serlsby. I cannot tricke it vp with poelies, Nor paint my passions with comparisons,

Nor tell a tall of Phebus and his loues, But this beeleue me Laxfield here is mine, Of auncient rent seuen hundréd pounds a yeare, And if thou canst but love acountrie squire, I wil infeoffe thee Margret in all, I can not flatter, trie me if thou please.

Mar. Braueneighbouring squires the stay of Suffolks clime, A Keepers daughters is too base in gree Tomatch with menaccoumpted of such worth. But might I not displease I would reply,

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Lambert. Say Peggy nought shall make vs discontent.

Marg. Then gentils note that loue hath little stay,
Nor can the slames that Venus sets on fire,
Be kindled but by fancies motion,
Then pardon gentils, if a maids reply
Be doubtful, while I have debated with my selfe,
Vho or of whome love shall constraine me like,

The meads innironed with the filuer streames,
Whose Batling pastures fatneth all my flockes,
Yelding forth fleeces stapled with such woole,
As Lempster cannot yelde more finer stuffe
And fortie kine with faire and burnish theads,
With strouting duggs that paggle to the ground,
Shall serue thy dary if thou wed with me.

Lambere. Let passe the countrie wealth as flocks and kine,

And lands that wave with Ceres goldensheues filling my barnes with plentie of the fieldes, But peggie if thou wed thy selfe to me, Thoushalthaue garments of Imbrodred silke, Lawnes and rich networks for thy head attyre Costlie shalbe thy fare abiliments,

If thou wilt be but Lamberts louing wife.

Margret Content you gentles you have prof

Margret Content you gentles you have profered faire,
And more than fits a countrie maids degree,
But give me leave to counfaile me a time,
For fancie bloomes not at the first assault,
Give me but ten dayes respite and I will replye,
Which or to whom my selfe affectionats.

Sersiby. Lambert I tell thee thou art importunate, Such beautie fits not such a base esquire
It is for Serisby to have Margret.

Serlsby, I fcorne to brooke thy country braues
I dare shee Coward to maintaine this wrong,

At dint of rapier single in the field.

Serlsby He aunswere Lambert what I have auoucht

Margret farewel, another time shall serue. Exit Serlsby
Lambert. Ile sollow Peggie farewell to thy selfe,

Listen how well ile answer for thy loue. Exit Lambert

Margeres. How Fortune tempers lucky happes with frowns,

And wrongs me with the sweets of my delight,
Loue is my bhsle, and loue is now my bale,
Shall I be Hellen in my forward fates,
As I am Hellen in my matchles hue
And set rich Susfolke with my face aftre,

If louely Lacie were but with his Peggy,
The cloudie darckenesse of his bitter frowne

Would check the pride of these aspiring squires,

When as they looke for aunswere of their loues,

My Lord will come to merry Erising field

My Lord will come to merry Frilingfield,
And end their fancies, and their follies both,
Til when Peggie be blith and of good cheere.

# Enter a post with a letter and a bag of gold.

Post. Fair louely damsell which way leads this path, How might I post mevnto Frisingfield,

which footpath leadeth to the keepers lodge?

Margeret Yourway is ready and this path is right, My felfe doe dwell hereby in Frising field,

And if the keeper be the man you feeke,

I am his daughter may I know the cause?

No meruaile if his eye was lodgd fo low, when brighter bewire is not in the heavens, The Lincolne of thath fent you letters here, And with them, inft an hundred pounds in gold, Sweete bonny wench read them and make reply.

The honourable historie of Frier Bacon.

Margret. The scrowles that I one sent Danae
Wraptin rich closures of fine burnisht gold,
Were not more welcome than these lines to me.
Tell me whill that I doe vnrip the seales,
Lines Lacie well, how fares my louely Lord?

20st. Well, if that wealth may make men to line well.

The letter, and Margretreads it.

The bloomes of the Almond tree grow in a night, and vanish in a morne, the slies Hamere (faire Peggie) take life with the Sun, and die with the dew, fancie that slippeth in with a gase, goeth out with a winke, and too timely loues, haue euer the shortest length. I write this as thy grese, and my folly, who at Frising field love that which time hath taught me to be but meane dainties, eyes are dissemblers, and fancie is but queasie, therefore know Margret, I haue chosen a Spanish Ladie to be my wise, cheese waighting woman to the Princesse Ellinour, a Lady saire, and no lesse faire than thy selfe, honorable and wealthy, in that I for sake thee I leaue thee to thine own liking, and for thy dowrie I haue sent thee an hundred pounds, and euer assure thee of my sauour, which shall availe thee and thine much. Farewell.

Not thine nor his owne,

Edward Lacie.

Fond Atæ doomer of bad boading fates,
That wrappes proud Fortune in thy fnaky locks,
Didft thou inchaunt my byrth-day with fuch stars,
As lightned mischeefe from their infancie,
If heavens had vowd, if stars had made decree,
To shew on me their froward influence,
If Lacie had but lovd, heavens hell and all,
Could not have wrongd the patience of my minde.

Post. It grieves me damsell, but the Earle is forst
To love the Lady, by the Kings commaund.

Margret. The wealth combinde within the English shelues,

Europes commaunder nor the English King,

Should

The honourable historie of Frier Bacon. Should not have moude the love of Peggie from her Lord. Post. What answere shall I returne to my Lord? Margret. First for thou camit from Lacie whom I lovd, Ah giue me leaue to figh at euery thought, Take thou my freind the hundred pound he fent, For Margretsrefolution craues no dower, The world shalbe to her as vanitie, Wealth trash, loue hate, pleasure dispaire, For I will straight to stately Fremingham, And in the abby there be shorne a Nun And yeld my loues and libertie to God, Fellow I give thee this, not for the newes, For those be hatefull vnto Margret, But for thart Lacies man once Margrets loue. Post. What I have heard what passions I have seene He make report of them vnto the Earle. Exit Post Margret. Say that she joyes his fancies be at rest, Exis And praies that his misfortune may be hers.

Enter Frier Bacon drawing the courtaines with a white sticke, a booke in his hand, and a lampe lighted by him, and the brasen head and miles, whith weapons by him.

Bacon. Miles where are you?
Miles. Here fir.

Bacon. How chaunce you tarry fo long?

Miles. Thinke you that the watching of the brazen head craues no furniture? I warrant you fir I have so armed my selfe, that if all your deuills come I will not feare them an inch.

And fought the darkest pallaces of fiendes,
That with my Magick spels great Bescephon,
Hath left his lodge and kneeled at my cell,
The rafters of the earth rent from the poles,
And three-formd Luna hid her filuer looks,

Trembling

Trembling vpon her concaue contenent. When Bacon red vpon his Magick booke, With feuen yeares tolsing nigromanticke charmes, Poring vpon darke Hecars principles, I have frame our a monstrous head of brasse, That by theinchaunting forces of the deuil, Shall tell out strange and vncoth Aphorismes, And girt faire England with a wall of braffe, Bungay and I have watcht these threescore dayes, And now our vitall spirites craue some rest, If Argos live and had his hundred eyes, They could not ouerwatch Phobeters night, Now Miles in thee relts Frier Bacons weale. The honour and renowne af all his life, Hangs in the watching of this brazen-head, Therefore I charge thee by the immortall God That holds the foules of men within his fift, This night thou watch, for ere the morning star Sends out his glorious glister on the north, The head will speake, then Miles vpon thy life, Wake me for then by Magick art Ile worke, To end my seuen yeares taske with excellence, If that awinke but shut thy watchfull eye, Then farewell Bacons glory and his fame, Draw closse the courtaines Miles now for thy life, Be watchfull and Here he falleth asleepe.

Miles So, I thought you would talke your felfe a sleepe anon, and tis no merualle, for Bungay on the dayes, and he on the nights, have watcht Iust their ten and fifty dayes, now this is the night, and tis my taske and no more. Now Iesus blesse me what a goodly head it is, and a nose, you talke of nos autem glorificare, but heres a nose, that I warrant may be cald nos autem popelare for the people of the parish, well I am furnished with weapons, now fir I will set me downe by a post, and make it as good as a watch-man to wake me if I chause to slumber.

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I thought goodman head, I would call you out of your memento, passion a God I have almost broke my pate, Vp Miles to your taske, take your browne bill in your hand, heeres some of your maisters hobgoblins abroad.

With this a great noise.

# The Head speakes.

Head, Time is.

Miles. Time is, Why maister Brazenhead haue you such a capitall nose, and answer you with sillables, Time is: is this all my maisters cunning, to spend seuen yeares studie about Time is: well sir, it may be we shall haue some better orations of it anon, well lie watch you as narrowly as euer you were watcht, and lie play with you as the Nightingale with the Slowworme, Ileset a pricke against my brest: now rest there Miles, Lord haue mercy vpon me, I haue almost kild my selfe: vp Miles list how they rumble.

Head. Timewas.

Miles. Well frier Bacon, you spent your seueny eares studie well that can make your Head speake but two wordes at once, Time was: yearmarie, time was when my maister was a wise man, but that was before he began to make the Brasen-head, you shall lie while your arce ake and your Head speake no better: well I will watch and walke vp and downe, and be a Perepatetian and a Philosopher of Aristotles stampe, what a freshe noise, take thy pistols in hand Miles.

Heere the Head speakes and a lightning flasheth forth, and a hand appeares that breaketh down the Head with a hammer.

Head. Time is past.

Miles. Maister maister, vp, hels broken loose, your Head speakes, and theres such a thunder and lightning, that I warrant all Oxford is vp in armes, out of your bed and take a browne bill

in your hand, the latter day is come. To great the

Bacon. Miles I come, oh passing warily watcht, Bacon will make thee next himselfe in loue, When spake the Head?

Miles. When spake the Head, did not you say that hee should tell strange principles of Philosophic, why sirit speaks but two wordes at a time.

Bacon. Why villaine hathit spoken oft.

Miles. Oft, I marie hathit thrice: but in all those three times it hath vttered but seuenwordes.

Bacon, Ashow

Miles. Marrie sir, the first time he said, Time is, as if Fabius cumentator should have pronounst a sentence, he said Time was, and the third time with thunder and lightning, as in great choller, he said Time is past.

Bacon. Tispast indeed, a villaine time is past,
My life, my fame, my glorie, all are past:
Bacon, the turrets of thy hope are ruind downe,
Thy seuenyeares studie lieth in the dust:
Thy Brazen-head lies broken through a slaue
That watcht, and would not when the Head did will,
What said the Head first.

Miles. Euenfir, Time is,

Bacon. Villame if thou hadst cald to Bacon then, If thou hadst watcht and wakte the sleepie frier, The Brazen-head had vttered Aphorismes, And England had been circled round with brasse, But proud Astmeroth ruler of the North, And Demegorgon maister of the fates, Grudge that a mortall man should worke so much, Hell trembled at my deepe commanding spels, Fiendes frownd to see a man their ouermatch, Bacon might bost more than a man might boast: But now the braues of Bacon hath an end, Europes concert of Bacon hath an end: His seuen yeares practice sortest to ill end:

And villaine fith my glorie hath an end,
I will appoint thee fatall to fome end,
Villaine avoid, getthee from Bacons fight
Vagrant go rome and range about the world,
And penth as a vagabond on earth.

Miles. Why then fir you forbid me your feruice.

Bacon, My feruice villaine with a fatall curfe,

That direfull plagues and mischiefe fall on thee.

Miles. Tis no matter I am against you with the old prouerb, The more the fox is curst the better he fares: God be with you fir, Ile take but a booke in my hand, a wide sleeued gowne on my backe, and a crowned cap on my head, and see if I can want promotion.

Vintill they doe transport thee quicketo hell,
For Bacon shall have never merrie day,
To loose the same and honour of his Head.

Exit.

Enser Emperour, Castile, Henrie, Ellinor, Edward, Lacie, Raphe.

Emper. Now louely Prince the prince of Albions wealth,
How fares the ladie Ellinor and you:
What have you courted and found Castile fit,
To answer England in equivolence
Wilt be a match twixt bonny Nell and thee.
Edge Should Pagis appraisable advers of Crosses

Edw. Should Paris enter in the courts of Greece, And not lie fetvered in faire Hellens lookes, Or Phoebus scape those piercing amorits, That Daphne glaunsed at his deitie:

Can Edward then sit by a flame and freeze, Whose heat puts Hellen and faire Daphne downe, Now Monarcks aske the ladie if we gree.

Hen. What madam hath my fon found grace or no.
Ellinor. Seeing my lord his louely counterfeit,
And hearing how his minde and shape agreed.

I come not troopt with all this warlike traine,

Doubting of loue, but so effectionat

As Edward hath in England what he wonne in Spaine.

Castile. A match my lord, these wantons needes must loue,

Menmust haue wives and women will be wed,

Lets haft the day to honour vp the rites.

Raphe. Sirha Harry, shall Ned marry Nell.

Henry. I Raphe, how then.

Raphe. Marrie Harrie follow my counsaile, send for frier Baconto marrie them, for heele so coniure him and her with his Nigromancie, that they shall loue togither like pigge and lambe whilest they liue.

Castile. But hearst thou Raphe, art thou content to have El-

linor to thy ladie.

Raphe. I so she will promise me two things.

Cast.le, Whats that Raphe.

Raphe. That shee will neuer scold with Ned nor fight with me, Sirha Harry I have put her downe with a thing vnpossible.

Henry. Whats that Raphe.

Raphe. Why Harrie didft thou euer fee that a woman could both hold her tongue and her handes, no but when egge-pies growes on apple-trees, then will thy gray mare prooue a bagpiper.

Emperour. What saies the lord of Castile and the earle of

Lincolne, that they are in such earnest and secret talke.

Castile. I stand my lord amazed at his talke

How he discourseth of the constancie,

Of one furnam'd for beauties excellence,

The faire maid of merrie Frefingfield.

Henrie. Tis true my lord, tis wondrous for to heare,

Her beautie passing Marces parramour:

Her virgins right as rich as Vestas was,

Lacie and Ned hath told me miracles.

Caftile, What saies lord Lacie, shall she be his wife.

Lacie. Or els lord Lacie is vnfir to liue,

May it please your highnesse giue me leaue to post

To Fresingsield Hefetch the bonny girle, And prooue in true apparance at the court What I have vouched often with my tongue.

Henrie. Lacie, go to the quirie of my stable, And take such coursers as shall fit thy turne, Hie thee to Fresing field and bring home the lasse, And for her same slies through the English coast, Is it may please the ladie Ellinor, One day shall match your excellence and her,

Your highnesse may command a greater boone, And glad were I to grace the Lincolne earle With being partner of his marriage day.

Edward. Gramercie Nell for I do loue the lord,

As he thats second to my selfe in loue.

Raphe. You loue her, madam Nell, neuer beleeue himyou though he sweares he loues you.

Ellinor. Why Raphe.

Raphe. Why his love is like vnto a tapsters glasse that is broken with every tutch, for he loved the faire maid of Fresing field once out of all hoe, nay Ned never wincke vpon me, I care not I.

Hen. Kaphe tels all, you shall have a good secretarie of him, But Lacie haste thee post to Fresing field: Eor ere thou hast sitted all things for her state, The solemne marriage day will be at hand.

Lacie. I go my lord.

Emperour. Howshall we passe this day my lord.

Henrie. To horse my lord, the day is passing faire,

Weele she the partridge or go rouse the deere,

Follow my lords, you shall not want for sport.

Exeunt.

Enter frier Bacon with frier Bungay to his cell.

Bungay. What meanes the frier that frolickt it of late, To fit as melancholie in his cell:

To sit as melancholie in his cell,

Asifhe had neither lost nor wonne to day.

Bacon. Ah Bungay my Brazen-head is spold, My glorie gone, my seuen yeares studie lost: The same of Bacon bruted through the world, Shall end and perish with this deepe disgrace.

Bungay. Bacon hath built foundation on his fame, Sofurely on the wings of true report, With acting strange and vincoth miracles, As this cannot infringe what he descrues.

Bacon. Bungay sit down, for by prospective skill, I find this day shall fall out ominous,

Some deadly act shall tide me ere I sleep:
But what and wherein little can I gesse.

Bungay. My minde is heavy what so ere shall hap.

Enter two schollers, sonnes to Lambert and Serlby.

#### Knocke.

Bacon. Whose that knockes.

Bungar. Two schollers that desires to speake with you.

Bac. Bid the come in, Now my youths what would you have.

1. Sholler. Sir we are Suffolke men and neighbouring friends?

Our fathers in their countries lustie squires, Their lands adioyne, in Crackfield mine doth dwell, And his in Laxsfield, we are colledge mates, Sworne brothers as our fathers lives as friendes.

Bacon. To what end is all this.

2. Scholler. Hearing your worship kept within your cell A glasse prospective wherin men might see, What so their thoughts or hearts desire could wish, We come to know how that our fathers fare.

Bacon. My glaffe is free for every honest man, Sit downe and you shall see ere long, How or in what state your friendly father lives, Meane while tell me your names.

Lambert. Mine Lambert.

The honourable historie of Frier Bacon. 2. Scholler. And mine Serlsbie. 3acon. Bungay, I finell there will be a tragedie.

Enter Lambert and Serlsbie, with Rapiers and daggers.

Lambert. Serisby thou hast kept thine houre like a man, Th'art worthie of the title of a squire:
That durst for proofe of thy affection,
And for thy mistresse fauour prize thy bloud,
Thou knowst what words did passe at Fresing field,
Such shamelesse braues as manhood cannot brooke:
I for I skorne to beare such piercing taunts,
Prepare thee Serisbie one of vs will die.

Serlsbie. Thou feeft I fingle thee the field,
And what I spake, I le maintaine with my sword:
Stand on thy guard I cannot scold it out.
And if thou kill me, thinke I have a sonne,
That lives in Oxford in the Brodgates hall,
Who will revenge his fathers bloud with bloud.

Lambert. And Serbbie I have there a lufty boy, That dares at weapon buckle with thy fonne, And lives in Broadgates too as well as thine, But draw thy Rapier for weele have about.

Bacon. Now luttie yonkers looke within the glasse,

And tell me if you can discerne your fires.

1. Scol. Serlsbie tis hard, thy father offers wrong,

To combat with my father in the field.

2. Schol, Lambert thou lieft, my fathers is the abuse,

And thou shalt find it, if my father harme.

Bungay. How goes it sirs.

1. Scholler. Our fathers are in combat hard by Frefingfield Bacon. Sit still my friendes and see the euent.

Lambert. Why stands thou Serlsbie doubts thou of thy life.

A venie man, faire Margret craues so much Serlbic. Then this for her.

1. Scholler. Ah well thrust.

### The honourable historie of Frier Bacon. 2. Scholler. But marke the ward.

They fight and kill ech other.

Lambert. Oh I am staine.
Serlbie. And I, Lord haue mercie on me.
1. Scholler. My father staine, Serlby ward that.

# The two schollers stab on another.

2. Scholler. And so is mine Lambert, Ilequite thee well.
Bungay. Ostrange strattagem.

Bacon. See Frier where the fathers both lie dead.
Bacon thy magicke doth effect this massacre:
This glasse prospective worketh manie woes,
And therefore seeing these brave suffice brutes,
These friendly youths did perish by thine art,
End all thy magicke and thine art at once:
The poniard that did end the fatall lives,
Shall breake the cause efficiatof their woes,
So fade the glasse, and end with it the showes,
That Nigromancie did infuse the christall with.

He breakes the glasse.

Bung. What means learned Baconthus to breake his glasse.

Broon. I tell thee Bungay it repents me fore,
That ever Bacon medled in this art,
The houres I have spent in piromanticke spels,
The fearefull tossing in the latest night,
Of papers full of Nigromanticke charmes,
Conjuring and adjuring divels and fiends,
With stole and albe and strange Pentaganon,
The wresting of the holy name of God,
As Sother, Elaim, and Adonaie,
Alpha, Manoth, and Tetragramiton,
With praying to the five-fould powers of heaven,
Are instances that Bacon must be damde,
For ving divels to countervaile his God.

Yeu

Yet Bacon cheere thee, drowne not in despaire,
Sinnes have their salues repentance can do much,
Thinke mercie sits where Instice holds her seate,
And from those wounds those bloudie I ews did pierce
Which by thy magicke oft did bleed a fresh,
From thence for thee the dew of mercy drops,
To wash the wrath of hie I ehouahs ire,
And make thee as a new borne babe from sinne,
Bungay I lespend the remnant of my life
In pure deuotion praying to my God,
That he would saue what Bacon vainly lost.

Exit.

# Enter Margret in Nuns apparrell, Keeper, her father, and their friend.

Keep. Margret be not so headstrong in these vows, Ohburie not such beautie in a cell:
That England hath held famous for the hue,
Thy fathers haire like to the filuer bloomes:
That beautise the shrubs of Affrica
Shall fall before the dated time of death,
Thus to forgoe his louely Margret.

Margret. A father when the hermonie of headen, foundeth the measures of a lively faith:
The vaine Illusions of this flattering world,
Seemes odious to the thoughts of Margret,
I loved once, lord Lacie was my love,
And now I hate my selfe for that I lovd,
And doated more on him than onmy God:
For this I scourge my selfe with sharpe repents,
But now the touch of such aspiring sinnes
Tels me all love is lust but love of heavens:
That beautie vide for love is vanitie,
The world containes nought but alluring baites:
Pride, flatterie, and inconstant thoughts,
To shunthe pricks of death I leave the world,

And vow to medicate on heavenly bliffe, To live in Framingham a holy Nunne, Holy and pure in conscience and in deed: And for to wish all maides to learne of me, To seeke heavens joy before earths vanitie.

Friend. And will you then Margret beshorn a Nume, and so

leaue vs all.

Margret. Now farewell world the engin of all woe,
Farewell to friends and father, welcome Christ:
Adew to daintie robes, this base attire
Better besits an humble minde to God,
Than all the shew of rich abilliments,
Loue, oh Loue, and with fond Loue farewell,
Sweet Lacie whom I loued once so deere,
Euer be well, but neuer in my thoughts,
Least I offend to thinke on Lacies loue:
But even to that as to the rest farewell.

Enter Lacie, Warrain, Ermsbie, booted and spurd.
Lacie. Come on my wags weere neere the keepers lodge,
Heere haue I oft walkt in the watrie Meades,
And chatted with my louely Margret.

V Varraine, Sirha Ned, is not this the keeper.

Lacie. Tis the same.

Ermsbie. The old lecher hath gotton holy mutton to him a Nunne my lord.

Lacie. Keeper how farest thou holla man, what cheere,

How doth Peggie thy daughter and my loue.

Keeper. Ah good my lord, oh wo is me for Pegge,
See where she stands clad in her Nunnes attire,
Readie for to be shorne in Framingham:
She leaves the world because she left your love,
Oh good my lord perswade her if you can.

Lacie. Why how now Margret, what a male content, A Nume, what holy father taught you this, To taske your felfe to fuch a tedious life, As die a maid, twere injurie to me.

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To smother up such beweie in a cell.

Margret. Lord Lacie thinking of thy former misse, How fond the prime of wanton yeares were spent Inloue, Oh fie vppon that fond conceite, Whose hap and essence hangeth in the eye, I leave both love and loves content at once, Betaking me to him that is true love, And leaving all the world for love of him.

Vhence Peggie comes this Metamorphofis, What shorne a Nun, and I haue from the court, Posted with coursers to conuaie thee hence, To Windsore, where our Mariage shalbe kept, Thy wedding robes are in the tailors hands, Come Peggy leaue these peremptorie vowes.

Margret. Did not my lord refigne his interest, And make divorce twixt Margret and him?

Lacy. Twas but to try sweete Peggies constancie,

But will faire Margret leave her love and Lord?

Margret. Is not heavens joy before earths fading bliffe,

And life aboue sweeter than life in loue,

Lacie. Why then Margret will be shorne a Nun,

Marg. Margret hath made a vow which may not be reuokt. Warraine. We cannot stay my Lord, and if she be so strict,

Our leifure graunts vs not to woo a fresh.

Ermsby. Choose you faire damsell, yet the choise is yours, Either a solenine Nunnerie, or the court, God, or Lord Lacie, weich contents you best,

To be a Nun, or els Lord Lacies wife.

Latie. Agood motion, Peggie your answere must be short.

Margret. The sless is frayle, my Lord doth know it well,
That when he comes with his inchanting face,
What so ere bety de I cannot say him nay,
Off goes the habite of a maidens heart,
And seeing Fortune will, faire Fremingham,
And all the shew of holy Nuns farewell,
Lacie forme, is he wilbe my lord.

Lacie

Lacie. Peggie thy Lord, thy loue, thy husband,
Trust me, by truth of knighthood, that the King
Staies for to marry matchles Ellinour,
Vntil I bring thee richly to the court,
That one day may both marry her and thee,
How saist thou Keeperart thou glad of this?
Keeper. As if the English King had given

The parke and deere of Frifingfield to me.

Erms. I pray thee my Lord of Sussex why are thou in a broune

fludy?

Warraine. To see the nature of women, that be they neuer so neare God, yet they loue to die in a mans armes.

Lacie. What have you fit for breakefast? we have hied and

posted all this night to Frisingfield.

Margret. Butter and cheese and humbls of a Deere,

Such aspoore Keepers haue within their lodge.

Lacee, And not a bottle of wine?

Margret. Weele find one for my Lord.

Lacie. Come Sussex lets in, we shall have more, for she speaks
least, to hold her promise sure.

Exeune.

# Enter a denill to seeke Miles.

Devill. How restles are the ghosts of hellish spitines, When euerie charmer with his Magick spels Cals vs from nine-fold trenched Blegiton, To scud and ouer-scoure the earth in post, V pon the speedie wings of swiftest winds, Now Bacon hath raisd me from the darkest deepe, To search about the world for Miles his man, For Miles, and to torment his laste bones, For careles watchidg of his Brasen head, See where he comes, Oh he is mine.

Enter Miles with a gowne and a corner

cap.

Miles. A scholler quoth you, marry fir I would I had bene made

abotlemaker when I was made a scholler, for I can get neither to be a Deacon, Reader, nor Schoolemaister, no, nor the clarke of a parish, some call me dunce, another saith my head is as sull of Latine as an egs sull of oatemeale, thus I am tormented that the deuil and Frier Bacon, haunts me, good Lord heers one of my maisters deuils, Ile goe speake to him, what maister Plutus, how chere you?

Deuill. Doost thou know me?

Miles. Know you fir, why are not you one of my maisters deuils, that were wont to come to my maister Doctor Bacon, at Brazen-nose?

Deuil. Yesmarry am I.

Miles. Good Lord M. Plutus I have feeneyou a thousand times at my maisters and yet I had never the manners to make you drinke, but sir, I am glad to see how conformable you are to the statute, I warrant you heesas yeomanlya man, as you shall see, marke you maisters, heers a plaine honest man, without weltor garde, but I pray you sir do you come lately from hel?

Deuil. I marry how then,

Miles. Faith tis a place I have defired long to fee, have you not good tipling houses there, may not a man have a lustic fier there, apot of good ale, a paire of cardes, a swinging peece of chalke, and a browne toast that will clap a white wastcoat on a cup of good druke?

Deuil. All thisyoumay have there. There is the state of

Miles. You are for me freinde, and I am for you, but I pray you, may I not have an office there?

Deuil. Yes a thousand, what wouldst thoube?

Miles. By my troth fir in a place where I may profit my felfe, I know hel is a hot place, and men are meruailous drie, and much drinke is spent there, I would be a tapster.

Denil. Thoushalt. in olimning and in in

Miles, Theres nothing lets me from going with you, but that it is a long journey, and I have never a horse.

Deail. Thoushalt ride on my backe.

Miles. Now furely hers acourteous deuil, that for to plea-

fure his friend, will not sticke to make a lade of himselfe: but I pray you goodman friend, let me moue a question to you.

Dewill. What's that?

Miles. I pray you, whether is your pace a trot or an amble? Deuill. An amble.

Miles. Tis well, but take heed it be not a trot,

But tis no matter, Ile preuent it.

Deuill. What doest?

Miles. Mary, friend, I put on my spurs: for if I find your pace either a trot, or else vneasie, Ile put you to a false gallop, Ile make you feele the benefit of my spurs.

Deuill. Get vp vpon my backe.

Miles. Oh Lord, here's euen a goodly maruell, when a man rides to hell on the Deuils backe.

Exeunt roaring.

Enter the Emperour with a pointlesse sword, next, the King of Castile, carrying a sword with a point, Lacy carrying the Globe, Edward Warraine carrying a red of gold with a Doue on it, Ermshy with a Crowne and Scepter, the Queene with the faire maide of Fresing-field on her lest hand, Henry, Bacon, with other Lords attending.

Edward. Great Potentates, earths miracles for state, Thinke that Prince Edward humbles at your feet, And for these fauours on his martiall sword, He vowes perpetual homage to your selues, Yeelding these honours vnto Ellinour.

Henrie. Gramercies, Lordings, old Plantagenes,
That rules and swayes the Albion Diademe,
With teares discouers these conceiued ioyes,
And vowes requitall, if his men at armes,
The wealth of England, or due honours done
To Ellinor, may quite his Fauorites.
But all this while what say you to the Dames,
That shine like to the christall lampes of heaven?

Emperour. If but a third were added to these two.

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# The bonorable History of Fryer Bacon;

They did surpaffe those gorgeous Images, That gloried /da with rich beauties wealth.

Magres. Tis I, my Lords, who humbly on my knee.
Must yeeld her horisons to mighty loue,
For lifting vp his handmaide to this state,
Brought from her homely cottage to the Court,
And graste with Kings, Princes and Emperours,
To whom (nextto the noble Lincolne Earle)
I vow obedience, and such humble loue,

As may a handmaid to fuch mighty men.

Ellinor. Thou martiall man, that weares the Almaine Crown,

And you the Westerne Potentates of might,
The Albian Princesse, English Edwards wise,
Proud that the louely star of Fresingsield,
Faire Margret, Countesse to the Lincolne Earle,
Attends on Ellmour: gramercies, Lord, for her,
Tis I give thankes for Margret to you all,
And rest for her due bounden to your selves.

Henrie. Seeing the marriage is solemnized, Let's march in triumph to the Royall seast. But why stands Fryer Bases here so mute?

Bacon. Repentant for the follies of my youth, That Magicks fecret mysteries missed, And ioyfull that this Royall marriage Portends such blisse vnto this matchlesse Realme.

Hen. Why, Bacen, what strange event shall happe to this Lad?

Or what shall grow from Edward and his Queene?

Basen. I find by deepe præscience of mine Art,
Which once I tempred in my secret Cell,
That here where Bruse did build his Troynouant,
From forth the Royall Garden of a King.

Whose brightnesse shall deface proud Phabus flowre,
And ouer-shadow Albion with her leaves.
Till then, Mars shall be master of the field.

But then the flormy threats of wars shall cease,

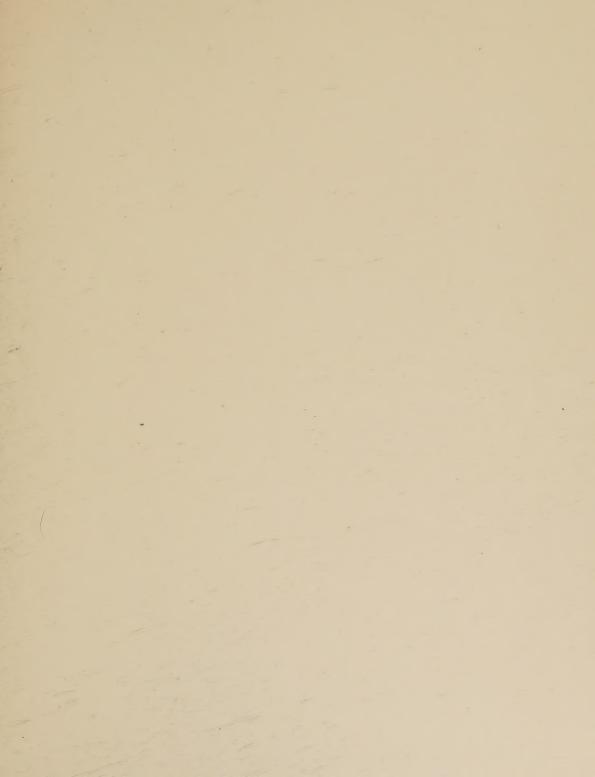
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The horse shall stampe as carelesse of the pike. Drums thall be turn'd to timbrels of delight. With wealthy fauours, plenty thall enrich The strond that gladded wandring Brute to fee. And peace from heaven shall harbour in these leaves, That goi grous peautities this matchleffe flower. Apollos Hellitropian then shall stoope. And Venus hyacinth shall vaile her top. In o that thut her Gillistowers vp. And Pallas Bay shall bash her brightest greene Cores carnation in confort with those. Shall stoope and wonder at Diana's Rose.

Henrie. This Prophesie is mysticall, But glorious Commanders of Europa's love. That makes faire England like that wealthy Ik Circled with Gihen, and first Euphrares, In Royallizing Henries Albion. With presence of your princely mightinesse Let's march, the tables all are spred, & ... And viandes such as Englands wealth affords. Are ready fet to furnish our the bords. You shall have welcome, mighty Potentates. It rests to furnish up this Royall cust, with Only your hearts be frolicke; for he time it? Craues that we taste of nought but jony lange, Thus glories England ouer all the West. Exeunt owners

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